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MUNICH PLEASE PASS TO US ARMY RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, GARMISCH

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UR, US, MPOL
SUBJECT: USA RUSSIAN INSTITUTE TRAVEL TO USSR

1. POL COUNS QUERIED SOVIET MFA ON MORNING OF 16 JAN RE
POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET EMBASSY BONN ISSUING VISAS TO
GARMISCH GROUP FOR AMEXCO LENINGRAD/MOSCOW TOUR DEPARTING
GERMANY ON 19 JAN. MFA REPLY WAS FIRM NEGATIVE.

2. BASED ON LATEST OF A SERIES OF VISA REFUSALS, WE
RECOMMEND THAT INSTITUTE PERSONNEL SHOULD TRAVEL TO
MOSCOW IN TDY STATUS WITH OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. PASSPORTS
SHOULD FULLY IDENTIFY US ARMY RUSSIAN INSTITUTE, RANK
(TITLE) AND POSITION OF TRAVELLERS. DUE TO LOCAL
LOGISTICS CONSIDERATION SIZE OF GROUPS SHOULD BE
NO LARGER THAN 5-6 INDIVIDUALS. TO PRECLUDE FURTHER
SOVIET BUREAUCRATIC INTRANSIGENCE, TRAVEL SHOULD BE
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LIMITED TO THE CITY OF MOSCOW AND THE STAY SHOULD
BE NO LONGER THAN 5 DAYS. FIRST GROUP OF
TRAVELLERS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE MOSCOW BEFORE 13 FEB.

3. FOR DEPARTMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNS
JAN 13 MFA USA DIVISION'S FEDOSEYEV RECOMMENDED
THAT DEPARTMENT RAISE MATTER WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN

WASHINGTON, LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THIS MIGHT HELP
PROBLEM OF GETTING VISAS FOR GARMISCH GROUP. WE
HAVE SOME DOUBTS THAT THIS WILL BE OF MUCH USE, BUT
WE RECOMMEND THAT EUR/SOV RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE
EMBASSY AT AN EARLY DATE AND THAT IT EXPRESS ITS
DISPLEASURE AT THE REFUSAL OF THE VISAS TO THIS
GROUP OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY STUDENTS OF RUSSIAN
LANGUAGE AND CULTURE. A REFERENCE TO THE CSCE
FINAL ACT ON MILITARY EXCHANGES COULD ALSO BE
INCLUDED.

4. FOR GARMISCH: RECOMMEND YOU BEGIN PROCEDURES
FOR FIRST GROUP TO RECEIVE SOVIET VISAS SOON AND
THAT EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE BE KEPT
INFORMED OF ANY PROBLEMS OR DELAYS.
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